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Applicant: Apotex Pharmachem Inc.
(formerly Brantford
Chemicals Inc.)

Title: A process for the
preparation of
tetrahydrothieno [3,2-c]
pyridine derivatives

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
OF NOVEMBER 12, 2004
AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**

April 6, 2005

The Commissioner of Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Rudolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA USA 22314

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 12, 2004 and due for response February 12, 2005, Applicant encloses a Request for a two month extension of time with the fee for a large entity of \$450.00 U.S. funds making this response due **April 12, 2005**. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed for the Extension of Time (fee), please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.

In response to the outstanding Official Action of November 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Attachments: Request for a 2 Month Extension of Time;

Cheque in the amount of \$450.00 USD;

United States Patent Nos. 4,529,596 and 5,194,436; and

Article: Organic Chemistry, 2nd Ed., Francis A. Carey, 1992, pg 1228